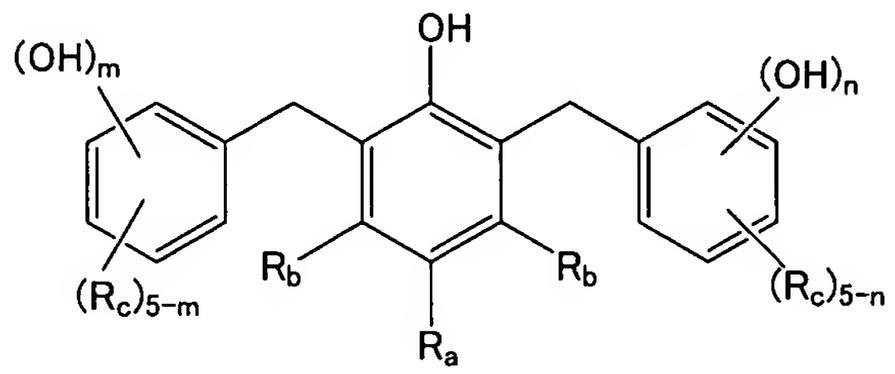
IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 3-9 and 11 and ADD new claims 13-21 in accordance with the following:

1. (original) A developer comprising a triphenolic compound (B) which is a species of triphenolic compound (A) represented by the following general formula (1):

[Formula 1]



.... (1)

wherein R_a is a group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having 7 to 14 carbon atoms; R_b is a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and a halogen atom, and R_b groups may be the same or different; R_c is a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having 7 to 14 carbon atoms, and two or more R_c groups, if any, may be the same or different; and m and n each represent an integer of 1 to 5,

wherein the triphenolic compound (B) has:

(a) an OH group at least at one of 4- and 4'-positions respectively in left and right aromatic rings; and

(b) a hydrogen atom as at least one of substituents adjacent to at least one of OH groups substituted in the left and right aromatic rings.

2. (original) The developer according to claim 1, wherein a content of a triphenolic compound (C) which is the triphenolic compound (A) and does not correspond to the triphenolic compound (B) is 30 wt% or less.

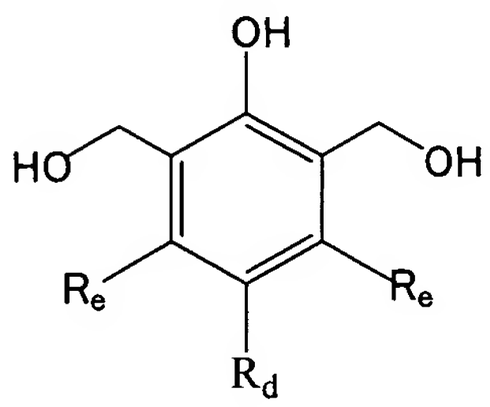
3. (currently amended) The developer according to ~~any one of claims 1 and 2~~claim 1, characterized in that a ratio of a content of the triphenolic compound (B) to a content of the triphenolic compound (A) is 0.5 or more.

4. (currently amended) The developer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein a content of the triphenolic compound (A) is 20 wt% or more.

5. (currently amended) The developer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, which comprises a condensation product obtained ~~by condensing at least one of~~by condensing

a p-substituted phenol derivative represented by the following general formula (2):

[Formula 2]

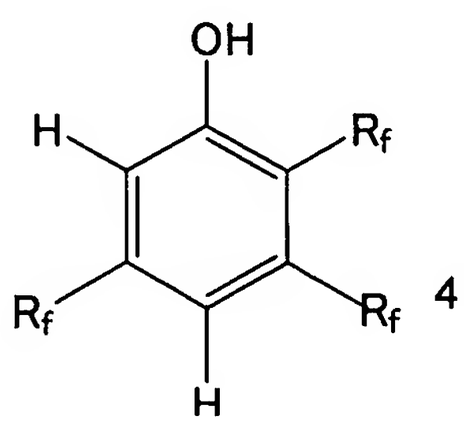


.... (2)

wherein R_d is a group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having 7 to 14 carbon atoms; and R_e is a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and a halogen atom, and R_e groups may be the same or different; and

~~a phenolic compound represented by the~~at least one of a phenolic compound represented by the following general formula (3):

[Formula 3]



.... (3)

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wherein R_f is a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having 7 to 14 carbon atoms, and R_f groups may be the same or different,

wherein a content of a condensation product component other than the triphenolic compound (A) contained in the condensation product is 50 wt% or less in relation to the total condensation product.

6. (currently amended) The developer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, characterized in that R_c groups in the formula (1) are all a hydrogen atom.

7. (currently amended) The developer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1, characterized in that R_f groups in the formula (3) are all a hydrogen atom.

8. (currently amended) The developer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, comprising another developer capable of making a colorless or light-colored dye precursor form a color.

9. (currently amended) A color forming material composition for recording materials comprising a colorless or light-colored dye precursor and the developer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1.

10. (original) The color forming material composition for recording materials according to claim 9, further comprising a sensitizer.

11. (currently amended) A recording material formed by arranging on a support the color forming material composition for recording materials according to ~~any one of claims 9 and 10~~claim 10.

12. (original) The recording material according to claim 11, wherein the recording material is a thermal recording material.

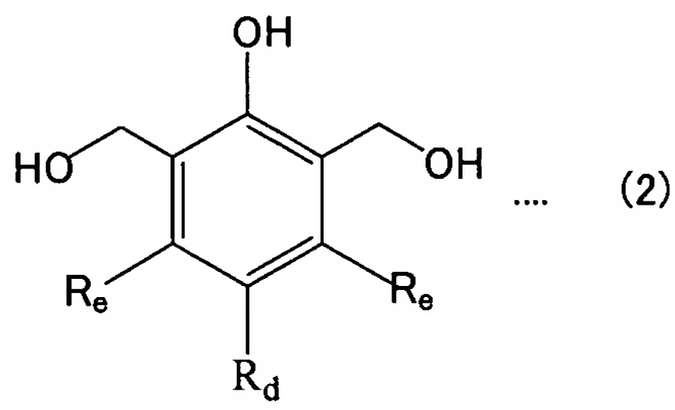
13. (new) The developer according to claim 2, characterized in that a ratio of a content of the triphenolic compound (B) to a content of the triphenolic compound (A) is 0.5 or more.

14. (new) The developer according to claim 13, wherein a content of the triphenolic compound (A) is 20 wt% or more.

15. (new) The developer according to claim 14, which comprises a condensation product obtained by condensing

a p-substituted phenol derivative represented by the following general formula (2):

[Formula 2]



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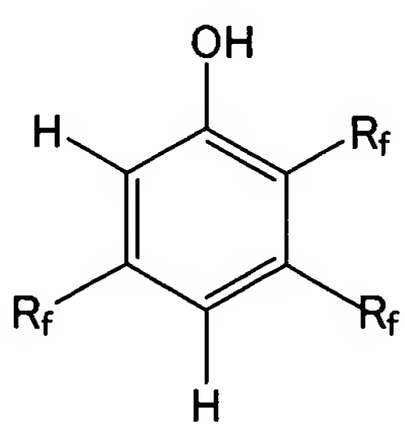
wherein R_d is a group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having 7 to 14 carbon atoms; and R_e is a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and a halogen atom, and R_e groups may be the same or different; and

at least one of a phenolic compound represented by the following general formula (3):

[Formula 3]



.... (3)

wherein R_f is a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and an aralkyl group and an aryl group each having 7 to 14 carbon atoms, and R_f groups may be the same or different,

wherein a content of a condensation product component other than the triphenolic compound (A) contained in the condensation product is 50 wt% or less in relation to the total condensation product.

16. (new) The developer according to claim 15, characterized in that R_c groups in the formula (1) are all a hydrogen atom.

17. (new) The developer according to claim 16, characterized in that R_f groups in the formula (3) are all a hydrogen atom.

18. (new) The developer according to claim 17, comprising another developer capable of making a colorless or light-colored dye precursor form a color.

19. (new) A color forming material composition for recording materials comprising a colorless or light-colored dye precursor and the developer according to claim 18.

20. (new) The color forming material composition for recording materials according to claim 19, further comprising a sensitizer.

21. (new) A recording material formed by arranging on a support the color forming material composition for recording materials according to claim 20.